



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of the Application of

Stephen Michnick et al.

Serial Number: 10/728,355

Filed: December 5, 2003

**For: IN VIVO SCREENING OF PROTEIN-
PROTEIN INTERACTIONS WITH
PROTEIN FRAGMENT
COMPLEMENTATION ASSAYS**

Group Art Unit: 1639
Examiner: Sue Xu Liu

RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 9th, 2009

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the office action dated December 9th, 2009, with the period for response automatically extended two months and set to expire on May 10th, 2010 (May 9th being a Sunday - a check in the amount of \$315.⁰⁰ is enclosed to cover the two months extension of time (\$245.⁰⁰) and the statutory terminal disclaimer fee of \$ 70.⁰⁰), reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.